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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE

1. DURING BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO'S DECEMBER 12 CALL, THE ACTING SECRETARY REFERRED TO AN ARTICLE BY KAREN DE YOUNG IN THE WASHINGTON POST OF DECEMBER 7, WHICH UNPLEASANTLY CHARACTERIZED THE SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO BRAZIL AND THE ACTING SECRETARY'S TRIP EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE INFORMATION, WHICH INCLUDED DIRECT QUOTES, WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A HIGH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID, GRANTING THAT NEWSPAPERS ARE NOT ALWAYS ACCURATE,THE STORY AND VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL SOURCES WERE NOT HELPFUL. WE CONSIDERED THE SECRETARY'S TRIP A VALUABLE EXCHANGE. THERE WERE DIFFERENCES, BUT BOTH SIDES APPROACHED THEM POSITIVELY.

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2. AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO RESPONDED THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE STORY, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE TRIP, WHICH HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO HIM, WAS EXTREMELY POSITIVE. THE ARTICLE WAS OUT OF CHARACTER WITH THIS ASSESSMENT. AS WITH THE MEETING BETWEEN MRS. CARTER AND PRESIDENT GEISEL REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND NON-PROLIFERATION, THE

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SECRETARY'S MEETINGS DEMONSTRATED THAT BOTH THE USG

AND THE GOB SHARED THE SAME OBJECTIVES; THE DIFFERENCES WERE OVER MEANS TO REACH THEM. IF THE STORY HAD APPEARED IN A BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPER, PINHEIRO SAID, HE COULD UNDERSTAND. THEY WERE FAMOUS FOR DISTORTIONS. HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE REPORTER GOT SUCH A STORY. IT WAS NOT THE PRESENTATION OF RESPONSIBLE OPINION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT SOMEONE SEEKING A SENSATIONAL ANGLE. HE ASSURED THE ACTING SECRETARY THAT HE WOULD CHECK OUT THE STORY AND GET BACK.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE WASHINGTON POST WAS WIDELY READ, SO SUCH A STORY COULD ONLY BE UNHELPFUL. AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AS THEY HAD SUFFERED FROM THE POST OCCASIONALLY. THE ACTING SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT WE BOTH DO.

4. BRAZILIAN DEMARCHE REPORTED SEPTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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